

Claims

What is claimed is:

 A method of manufacturing a component, comprising the steps of: injecting a first material into a mold cavity having a first volume to form a core portion of a component; and

injecting a second material into the mold cavity having a second volume different than the first volume to cover a portion of said first material and form a second portion of the component while said first material is in a reactive state, whereby said first material has a different material property characteristic than said second material.

- 2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the second material is integrally formed with the first material.
- 3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the different material property characteristic comprises a hardness of said first and second materials.
- 4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the different material property characteristic comprises a color of said first and second materials.
- 5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said first material is made of a plastic material, and wherein said second material is made of a relatively softer plastic material than said first material.
- 6. The method according to Claim1, wherein a circuit assembly is attached to said core portion of said component.
- 7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said component comprises a switch assembly.

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- 8. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said component comprises a door panel.
- 9. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a cover over the second material.
- 10. The method according to Claim 9, wherein the cover include integrally formed identifying markings.